



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item #1*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 15, 2019

#### MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Dodson, Seconded By: Mr. Stinson**  
**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

**Title: Bridge Naming: "Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge"**

**WHEREAS**, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the life, sacrifice and contributions of Trooper Lucas B. Dowell who served four years with the Virginia State Police and demonstrated acts of gallantry and heroism when he was killed in the line of duty on February 4, 2019 while surrounded by his Division III tactical team; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated March 19, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and contributions of Trooper Lucas Dowell, name the bridge on US 29 Business, South Main Street, over US Route 29, Amherst County as the "Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge"; and

**WHEREAS**, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named; and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution and letter, Amherst County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on US 29 Business, South Main Street, over US Route 29, Amherst County as the "Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Amherst County for these costs as required by law.

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### **Bridge Naming: “Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge”**

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the bridge on US 29 Business, South Main Street, over US Route 29, Amherst County as the “Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge”.

**Facts:** Amherst County enacted a resolution on March 19, 2019 memorializing the life, service and contributions of Trooper Lucas Dowell. Based on that resolution, Trooper Dowell served four years with the Virginia State Police and was assigned to the Appomattox Division serving the City of Lynchburg as well as Amherst and Campbell Counties. He demonstrated acts of gallantry and heroism when he was killed in the line of duty on February 4, 2019, surrounded by his Division III tactical team.

**Recommendations:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

**Action Required by CTB:** The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

**Result if Approved:** The bridge on US 29 Business, South Main Street, over US Route 29, Amherst County will be named as the “Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Amherst County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

**Public Comments/Reactions:** VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.



Amherst County Board of Supervisors  
County Resolution No. 2019-0001-R

**For consideration on March 19, 2019**

**A RESOLUTION, NO. 2019-0001-R**

A resolution, requesting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name a certain bridge over Route 29, on South Main Street, near the Town of Amherst, in Amherst County “Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge”, in honor of a fallen serviceman of Amherst County.

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Approved as to form by the County Attorney

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:**

**I. That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby requests, pursuant to Virginia Code §33.2-213, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge over Route 29, on South Main Street, near the Town of Amherst, in Amherst County “Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge”, as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, Trooper Lucas Dowell is a true serviceman of Amherst County, having served four years with the Virginia State Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper Dowell was assigned to the Appomattox Division serving the City of Lynchburg, as well as Amherst and Campbell Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper Dowell died in the line of duty on February 4, 2019, surrounded by his Division III tactical team; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper Dowell demonstrated acts of gallantry and heroism on the day Trooper Dowell lost his life; and

**WHEREAS**, Amherst County seeks to honor its serviceman with a symbol of gratitude for his dedication and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Amherst County accordingly requests, pursuant to Virginia Code §33.2-213, that the Transportation Board name the bridge over Route 29, on South Main Street, near the Town of Amherst, in Amherst County, “Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge”; and

**WHEREAS**, Amherst County stands ready and willing to support the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the sign bearing Lucas B. Dowell's name, and to take any other needed action in support of this petition to the Commonwealth; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:**

That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby request pursuant to Virginia Code § 33.2-213, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge over Route 29 on South Main Street near the Town of Amherst, in Amherst County, "Trooper Lucas B. Dowell Bridge".

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its commitment to supporting the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the sign bearing Lucas B. Dowell's name, and to taking any other needed action in support of this petition to the Commonwealth.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**


That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commonwealth Transportation Board under cover of a letter requesting guidance as to next steps.

**II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.**

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
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Jimmy Ayers III, Chair  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

  
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Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0

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